



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: )  
Applicant : Bejanin and Tanaka ) #6  
Appl. No. : 09/992,600 ) Grp./A.U. : 1645  
Filed : November 13, 2001 ) Examiner : Unassigned  
Title : **HUMAN CDNAS AND PROTEINS** )  
AND USES THEREOF. )

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered prior to the initiation of examination of the above-identified application on the merits.

**In the Claims:**

*Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice.*

*Please add new claims 14-54 as follows:*

14. (New) An isolated SCPhx polynucleotide, wherein said polynucleotide encodes the polypeptide consisting of amino acids -26 to 267 of SEQ ID NO:4 or a polypeptide fragment thereof.
15. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 14, wherein said polypeptide fragment consists of amino acids 1 to 267 of SEQ ID NO:4.
16. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 14, wherein said polypeptide fragment comprises amino acids 1 to 267 of SEQ ID NO:4.
17. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 14, wherein said polypeptide fragment spans amino acid